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This Information Disclosure Statement:

- (a) ☐ accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.
- (b) ☐ is filed within three months after the filing date of the application or within three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2).
- (c) ☒ as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If, however, a first Office Action has been mailed, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee to deposit account no. 04-0822.
- (d) ☐ as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4).
- (e) ☐ is filed after the first office action and more than three months after the application's filing date or PCT national stage date of entry filing but, as far as is known to the undersigned, prior to the mailing date of any of a final rejection, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) or a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), as checked below. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

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[If either of boxes (e) or (f) are checked above, the following "certification" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) may need to be completed.] The undersigned certifies that:

- ☐ Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
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A list of the patent(s) or publication(s) is set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Modified).

A copy of the items on PTO-1449 is supplied herewith:

☒ each ☐ none ☐ only those listed below:

Those patent(s) or publication(s) which are marked with an asterisk (*) in the attached PTO form 1449 are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application Serial No. _____ filed _____ and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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- ☐ not given
- ☐ given for each listed item
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The Examiner is reminded that a "concise explanation of the relevance" of the submitted prior art "may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention," MPEP § 609.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h),


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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Respectfully submitted,

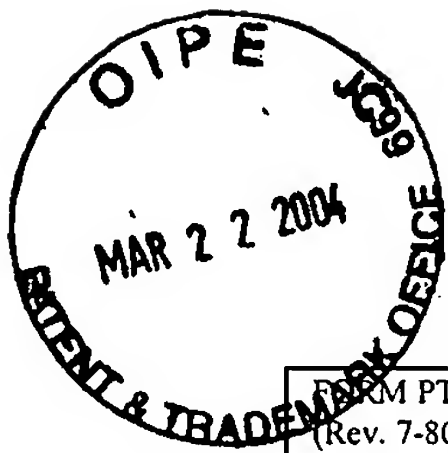
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	EK	3,342,613	9/19/67	F.B. Schelhorn			
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	EM	Des. 363,404	10/24/95	Cute			
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